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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the text of the statement by the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the SFR of Yugoslavia dated 1 March 1991 concerning the ending of the hostilities in the Persian Gulf.

I would be grateful if the text of the statement would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Darko SILOVIC
Ambassador

Annex

Statement by the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the SFR of Yugoslavia concerning the ending of the hostilities in the Persian Gulf, 1 March 1991

It was with greatest satisfaction and relief that Yugoslavia received news on the ending of the war in the Persian Gulf, on the liberation of Kuwait and the restoration of its sovereignty and legitimate Government. This historic moment for the Kuwaiti people represents at the same time the triumph of all the peoples and countries in the world in their quest for freedom and peace.

In times of building new and more just relations in the world, the international community through its decisive action, reaffirmed the unacceptability of the policy of aggression and fait accompli, which strengthened the possibilities and perspectives for achieving stable peace and security in the interest of all.

Ever since the outbreak of the crisis in the Persian Gulf, non-aligned countries and Yugoslavia, as the Chairman of the Movement, in a principled and decisive manner declared against the aggression, occupation and annexation of independent and non-aligned Kuwait and engaged themselves in seeking peaceful and just solution to the crisis on the basis of the Security Council resolutions and the basic principles of the policy of non-alignment. Such positions and activities were fully expressed at the Ministerial Meeting of Non-Aligned Countries, held in New York on 4 October 1990.

Acting within the mandate given to it at this meeting, Yugoslavia has made intensive and numerous contacts both with the parties directly involved in this conflict and with the major international factors, particularly with the permanent members of the Security Council, the European Community and the United Nations Secretary-General, putting forward the proposals and initiatives for the political solution of this dangerous crisis.

Regrettably, the efforts exerted by the Movement and the international community as a whole have not been met with favourable response and acceptance by the Iraqi leadership which resulted in unnecessary continuation of the war and further destruction, bloodshed and sufferings of the Kuwaiti and Iraqi people.

Yugoslavia particularly emphasizes the important and irreplaceable role of the United Nations in working out the uniform position of the entire international community in renouncing and condemning the policy of force and aggression and in seeking just solutions to the acute international problems, based on the United Nations Charter.

The countries of the region and the international community as a whole, and the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries accordingly, are now faced with a great responsibility and obligations to eliminate the grievous consequences of the war as soon as possible, and to consolidate peace, security and create durable stability

in this area. This would provide the necessary conditions for the opening up of the process of speedy resolution of the Middle East crisis in its integrity, the Palestinian question in particular.

Yugoslavia will exert efforts to have non-aligned countries engage in rebuilding trust and cooperation among the peoples of non-aligned Kuwait and Iraq and all other countries of the region. Yugoslavia views this as a proper way for the realization of interests of the entire international community, as well as of the principles and goals of the United Nations Charter and the policy of non-alignment.